



**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
INTERNATIONAL OPEN  
CHESS TOURNAMENT**

*August 27<sup>th</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017*

# Invitation

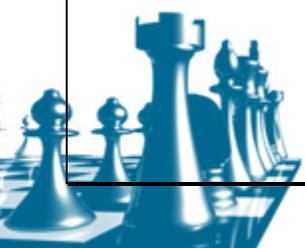
The Trinidad & Tobago Chess Association (TTCA) is pleased to invite all National Federations and players to the Trinidad and Tobago International Open Chess Tournament 2016 to be held at The VIP Room, Hasely Crawford Stadium, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, from **27<sup>th</sup> August - 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2017.**



## **I. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **Rules and Regulations**

The Trinidad and Tobago International Open Chess Tournament 2017 will be held according to the FIDE Rules of Chess and the following General Conditions within this invitation.



## Categories

There will be one OPEN Tournament.

The **Open** Class is open for all players from FIDE member federations. There will be 5 sub-categories which will include: Female, Senior (50+), Under 20, Under 16 and Under 12.

## System of Play

- The Open tournament will use a Swiss System of **nine (9) rounds**.
- The rhythm of play will be **ninety (90) minutes** for all the moves plus an increment of **thirty (30) seconds** per move from the initial move. The tournaments will be Fide-Rated, once the conditions for rating are met.

## Tie-Breaks

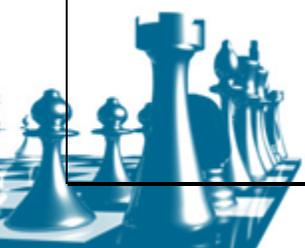
The final placings will be decided by the points obtained by each player. The player who obtains the most points will be declared the Champion. In the case of ties, the winners will be decided by the implementation of the following tie-break systems in the order mentioned:

1. Direct Encounter – Once the players have all played each other
2. Most wins
3. Bulcholz
4. Sonnenberger
5. Games with Black

## Pairings & Results

Before the beginning of the First Round of the Open Tournament, a list with all the names of participants will be published at the playing hall. The Pairings will be published at least **one hour** after the last game of each round, at the tournament's Official webpage or Chess-results.com and at the venue's hall.

All winners are required to input their games on the computers provided. For drawn games, the player with white is required to enter his/her game.



## Discipline & Attire

- a. The Tournament Organisers expect the highest standards of behaviour and fair play by the participants.
- b. Default Time: **Thirty (30)** minutes.
- c. Players are expected to be dressed modestly and in a manner that does not bring the event or the organisers into disrepute. The organisers reserve the right to disallow players into the playing hall if not suitably attired.

## Prizes

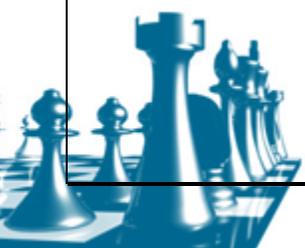
All prizes are in US\$.

Rank	Absolute	Female	50+	Under 20	Under 16	Under 12
1	\$800	\$400	\$200	\$200	\$150	\$100
2	\$500	\$300	\$150	\$150	\$100	\$75
3	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100	\$75	\$50
4	\$200					
5	\$100					

The organisers reserve the right to pay the prize monies in local currency to local players/residents and award any additional special prizes.

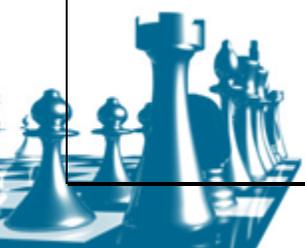
In the event of a tie on points, the prize money will be added and distributed evenly.

Players are only entitled to ONE prize.



## II. THE EVENT TIME TABLE

Date	Time	Activity
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</b>	12.00 p.m.-8.00 p.m.	Arrival & Registration
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</b>	9.00 a.m.	Technical Meeting
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</b>	10.00 a.m.	Round 1
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</b>	4.00 p.m.	Round 2
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</b>	5.00 p.m.	Round 3
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</b>	5.00 p.m.	Round 4
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</b>	5.00 p.m.	Round 5
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2017</b>	10.00 a.m.	Round 6
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2017</b>	4.00 p.m.	Round 7
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017</b>	5.00 p.m.	Round 8
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2017</b>	10.00 a.m.	Round 9
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017</b>	6.00 p.m.	Closing Ceremony
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2017</b>	12.00 p.m.	Check-Out/Departure



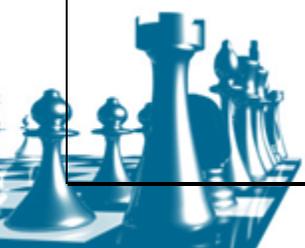
### III. PARTICIPANTS' COSTS

#### Covered costs

- 1) For players who hold the titles of GM/WGM/IM/WIM with an ELO rating >2200 and have been extended a personal invitation, the Organizing Committee will cover the cost of accommodation (double/triple occupancy) and meals.
- 2) For the invited GMs/WGMs/IMs/WIMs, meals will be covered from dinner on **26<sup>th</sup> August** to breakfast on **3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2017**.
- 3) Those persons who wish to upgrade to single occupancy shall pay the additional cost as per schedule under 'Accommodation'.
- 4) Any exceptions to these conditions will be at the discretion of the organisers.

#### Registration

- a. Pre-Registration of the participants must be made with the details of each participant. The Participant information must include: Passport photo (soft copy), Name, FIDE Title, FIDE ID, FIDE ELO, Date of birth, e-mail address and Federation name, on or before **August 25<sup>th</sup> 2017** via **chestt.org**.
- b. **Open:** Registration Fee (Non-Resident): US\$60.00; US\$40.00 (Under 20);  
Registration Fee (Local players): US\$40.00/TT\$250.00;  
US\$30.00/TT\$200.00 (Under 20)
- c. Transportation will be provided for non-resident persons to and from the airport as well as to and from the playing venue from the official accommodation venue. This is included in the registration fee.



Organisers reserve the right to make changes to these arrangements on a case by case basis.

Players who have not paid the registration fee by the beginning of the tournament will not be paired.

Participants are kindly ask to pre-register via **chestt.org**.

c. On the day of registration the original passport or ID must be provided for each player.

d. The onsite registrations will close on **26<sup>th</sup> August, at 8:00 p.m.**

## **Payment**

All payments are to be made to the organiser directly. Payment of registration fees and accommodation MUST be made by **Bank Transfer** by **August 25<sup>th</sup> , 2017** or as otherwise authorized by the Organisers.

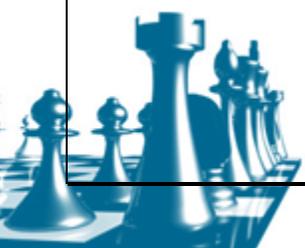
Funds (USD) to be sent to:

**Wells Fargo Bank N.A.**  
**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
**Swift code: PNBUS3NNYC or ABA 026005092**  
**For Credit to: Swift Code FCTTTTTPS**  
**First Citizens Bank Ltd.**  
**One Woodbrook Place**  
**Woodbrook**  
**Trinidad & Tobago**  
**Beneficiary: Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association**  
**Beneficiary Account No.:2016303**

## **Local players**

Registration to be deposited at **First Citizens Bank Limited:**

**TTCA's TTD Account No.: 2016302**



Upon completion of wire transfer or deposit, a scanned copy of the transfer receipt should be sent **via email** to the following TTCA officials.

**President:** Sonja Johnson; e-mail: [sonjagia.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:sonjagia.johnson@gmail.com)

**Secretary:** Sandy Razark; e-mail: [srazark@yahoo.com](mailto:srazark@yahoo.com)

**Treasurer:** Keelan Hunte; email: [keelan.hunte@hotmail.com](mailto:keelan.hunte@hotmail.com)

Once the payment transfer is confirmed, the organising committee will confirm the Accommodation reservation.

### **Cancellations after payments made**

These will be treated on a case by case basis.

## **IV. ACCOMMODATION\***

The following accommodation arrangements shall be made available to foreign players and other guests.

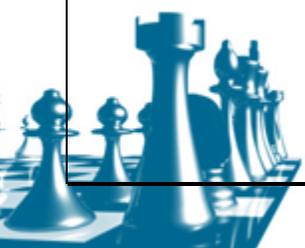
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	<b>Single US\$</b>	<b>Double US\$</b>	<b>Triple US\$</b>
<b>Allamanda Guest House</b>	70.00	50.00	45.00

Prices are **per person/per night** and are in **US\$ and include breakfast**

\* **Important:** The Organisers are not responsible for any Participants (chess players, accompanying persons) who choose to stay outside the official accommodation options of the Organisation.

Any arrangements other than what is displayed above will be determined on a case by case basis by the tournament organisers.

**The organisers have negotiated with the hotel to maintain the same level of pricing for accommodation and meals pre- and post-tournament dates for the participants in the International tournament.**



## V. TRANSPORTATION

Transportation expenses of persons from their place of origin to Trinidad (and vice versa), are the responsibility of each player/federation.

Transfers from the airport-hotel and hotel-airport (round trip) as well as to and from the playing venue will be provided and are included in the registration costs. Players must inform the organisers about their flight schedules **at least 1 week** in advance of arrival.

## VI. OTHER INFORMATION

### Media

All journalists are welcome and those who wish to participate in the event may contact the Organisers for accreditation.

### Organising Committee

The Core Organising Committee comprise:

- Sonja Johnson, Organising Committee Chairperson, President-TTCA
- Sandy Razark, Secretary- TTCA
- Bisham Soondarsingh-1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, TTCA

Other Member

- Roderick Noel

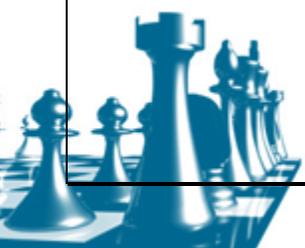
### Arbiters

**Chief Arbiter:** IA Rohan Waithe, Barbados

The Deputy Arbiter and assistant arbiters would be selected at the discretion of the TTCA and in accordance with Fide Regulations.

### Appeals Committee

At the Technical Meeting, the Appeals Committee will be constituted by five (5) representatives of the Federations: three (3) principal representatives and two (2) substitutes. No member of the appeals committee shall adjudicate on matters involving his/her federation.



## Communication

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Website: [www.chesstt.org](http://www.chesstt.org)

**The Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association (TTCA) is excited for you to be part of this event. Come join us...we will be happy to host you and extend our usual T&T hospitality!**

